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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 673
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kristen Gaines, 1998
Miss Kingsport.

WHEREAS, after a rigorous selection process, Kristen Gaines, having clearly displayed exemplary intelligence, beauty and speaking ability, won the tough 1998 Miss Kingsport competition; and

WHEREAS, Kristen is a senior at East Tennessee State University, who is majoring in Early Childhood Education and plans to pursue her Master's Degree in Elementary Education upon graduation and eventually obtain a Ph.D. in Education Administration; and

WHEREAS, a 1994 graduate of Unicoi County High School, she was a valued member of numerous high school organizations, as a cheerleader and a manager of the girls' basketball team, as editor of the school yearbook and newspaper, as an organizer of many successful events to aid the Head Start program, and as President of the Future Teachers of America. Her outstanding program "Invest in the Future. Give Tomorrow's Leaders a Head Start," won the prestigious Miss Tennessee Non-Finalist Community Service Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, her collegiate activities include membership in the Sigma Kappa sorority, where she has served with probity as Vice-President of Alumni Relations, Public Relations Chair, and Philanthropy Chair; and

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WHEREAS, she has also done a commendable job as a Student Government Senator for two years, as a member of the Selections Committee, the Senate Review Board and Chair of their Public Relations Committee, as a member of the ETSU Homecoming Committee, as Public Relations Chair and as Banner Competition Coordinator, as the initiator and coordinator of a Homecoming Vesper's Service for Campus Ministries for two years, as a member of the Teacher Education Advisory Council and General Education Advisory Council, as a Review Leader, and in numerous additional capacities; and

WHEREAS, Kristen was named an All-American scholar and was one of a select 14 ETSU students listed in *Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities*; and

WHEREAS, following in the tried and true heritage of the Volunteer State, she has generously given of her time and talent to numerous civic and charitable activities, including the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Association, Cystic Fibrosis Bikeathons, the 1998 Cerebral Palsy Telethon, Alzheimer's Research programs, the Second Harvest Food Bank, the Dawn of Hope and Make a Difference Day. She has also volunteered throughout East Tennessee as a teacher in regular and special education classes and has served as special entertainment in such events as the Unicoi County Apple Festival and the Strawberry Festival; and

WHEREAS, Kristen is a devout member of the Erwin Central Church of Christ, where she has taught Sunday School for eight years; and

WHEREAS, she is the daughter of proud parents, Bill and Ruth Gaines; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize one of our best and brightest young persons; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Kristen Gaines on being chosen 1998 Miss Kingsport and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and successful reign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.